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1. Fortifications west of Kolobrzeg (Kolberg). Fortifications have been under construction for the last two years in the large forest area west of Kolobrzeg. The entire area is enclosed by wire net and barbed wire and guarded by sentries who check all personal documents of people who enter it; special permission is required to gain entry into the area. The work on the fortifications, which consist of well camouflaged storehouses located above and below ground and one and two story brick and wood buildings, is performed by so-called second class soldiers, sons of former Volksdeutsche and other "enemies of the people's democracy," and work battalions of slave laborers who are guarded night and day by KBW (Internal Security Corps) sentries. Some soldiers attached to the Kolobrzeg garrison are billeted in these buildings. The building plans for the fortifications have been altered several times so that the work battalions have had to tear down newly constructed buildings and build them anew. Coastal artillery and antiaircraft artillery guns are located in the area, and about ten tanks, which informant believes belong to the Kolobrzeg garrison. There are several first-class roads which run into this forest area which can be utilized by heavy tanks, artillery, and for the transport of heavy stocks. The entire western periphery of this area has storehouses located underground and above ground which are filled with powder and other explosives. A guard unit, consisting of between 25 and 30 soldiers, is billeted in this area to guard these stores. Many prisoners and youths from SP (Service to Poland) brigades are also engaged in clearing out the ruins and rubble in Kolobrzeg. Much of the material which is salvaged from the ruins is transported to the forest area.
2. Fortifications between Kolobrzeg and Bogdanie (Bodenhausen-055/M25). The construction of new coastal artillery and antiaircraft emplacements and underground storehouses was begun in the spring of 1953 along the coastal area which begins at a point about two kilometers east of Kolobrzeg and extends to a point about 200 to 300 meters west of the village of Bogdanie. However, before the work on these fortifications was begun, the entire area was enclosed by a wire net about 2.5 meters high which has a half meter strip of barbed wire running along the top. Warning signs bearing such inscriptions as "military area", "entrance forbidden", and "trespassers shot without warning" were also erected at various places in the area. The building material for

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the fortifications is carried along the Kolobrzeg-Koszalin (Koeslin) railroad line. [redacted] coastal artillery guns, with barrels of about five meters in length, being unloaded from railroad cars in Kolobrzeg and later drawn by tractors toward the afore-mentioned area. Most of the work on these fortifications is being done by infantry and engineering troops.

3. Fortifications in Bogdice. All of the civilian population of Bogdice has been evacuated, and in the winter of 1952, most of the families of the military personnel were sent back to the USSR. Approximately half of the buildings in Bogdice were destroyed by the Soviets and the remaining buildings were adapted as barracks for the soldiers and as storehouses. Several new underground storehouses have also been constructed. Since the spring of 1953, between 250 and 300 officers have been billeted in the houses constituting officers' row located along the road to Koszalin.
4. Fortification between Bogdice airfield and Ustronie Morskie (Henkenhagen). No fortifications are located between the village of Kozia Gora (Ziegenberg), which is just east of the Bogdice airfield, and the town of Ustronie Morskie. This coastal area is guarded by a WOP (Military Border Guard) unit of about 28 men which is commanded by a lieutenant. The WOP unit mans three wooden watchtowers between Bogdice airfield and Ustronie Morskie which are all connected by a wire that runs about 70 centimeters above the ground. Alarm signals are attached to the wire so that if any person touches it, the sentries will be alerted. This unit is also charged with patrolling the coast line.
5. Fortifications between Ustronie Morskie and Mielno. Between the mouth of the small Una River, which is located about two kilometers west of Gaski, and the village of Gaski itself, there are some former German barracks in which naval seamen, infantry troops, and engineers are billeted. No fortifications are located along this part of the coast, although the military units that are stationed there are engaged in some type of construction. In August 1953, a Soviet military truck carrying powder and other explosives from Kolobrzeg to Gaski exploded after it had passed through the town of Ustronie Morskie, killing the Polish escort of ten soldiers and driver. No mention was made in the newspapers about this explosion and the people were forbidden to discuss the accident. However, the rumors were that the explosion resulted from sabotage. No fortifications or military settlements are located in Sarbinowo (Sorenbohm), Chlopy (Bauerhufen) or Mielno (Klein and Grossmoellen). The coast between these towns is, however, guarded by a WOP unit which has its headquarters in Sarbinowo.
6. Fortifications in the Jamno (Jamunder See) and Bukowo (Buckower See) Lake area. This entire lake area and the area immediately to the south of the lakes has been made out-of-bounds to all civilian and unauthorized personnel. A seaplane base is located on the southern part of the Lake Jamno, near the village of Jamno, and a very large airfield is under construction on the periphery of this lake, near the afore-mentioned seaplane base. Engineering troops and other soldiers and workers and peasants, with their horse-drawn carts, are employed in the construction of the field. The engineering troops and soldiers are billeted in the militarized village of Jamno. A "marine infantry" (piechota morska) unit, coastal artillery unit, antiaircraft unit equipped with portable guns, and engineering troops are stationed in Uniescie (Nest-O55/M46). About 15 fishermen and their families still reside in Uniescie, but informant believes that they will be evacuated to another area in the near future.

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